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**CITY OF SAN DIEGO OFFERS BACKYARD COMPOSTING BIN SALE TO BOOST  
YARD WASTE RECYCLING AND HOME COMPOSTING**

*City offers backyard composting bins for 80 percent off retail price*

**SAN DIEGO, CA**— Backyard composting bins will be sold for a reduced price to City of San Diego residents during a sale sponsored by the City's Environmental Services Department. The two-day event happens from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 8 and Sunday, May 9, 2004 at five locations around the City:

**Saturday, May 8**

- Rancho Bernardo High School, 13010 Paseo Lucido, 92128 (in student parking lot off Avenida Venusto)
- Torrey Pines High School, 3710 Del Mar Heights Road, 92130
- Lewis Middle School, 5170 Greenbrier Avenue, 92120
- University City High School, 6949 Genesee Avenue, 92122

**Sunday, May 9**

- Qualcomm Stadium, 9449 Friars Road, 92108 (in section F1 of the parking lot)

During this weekend event, City of San Diego residents can purchase an Earth Machine backyard compost bin, normally priced at \$80, for only \$19.95. Non-City residents pay a discounted price of \$33.75. Both prices include tax. The black plastic bins have an 80-gallon capacity, feature a 10-year warranty, and are sold disassembled to fit most cars for easy transportation. A driver's license or proof of City residency is required for the \$19.95 price. Quantities are limited and sold on a first-come-first-served basis. Compost turners and kitchen scrap pails will also be available for sale.

"About 20 percent of San Diego's disposed waste is organic material," said Elmer L. Heap, director of the City's Environmental Services Department. "By home composting your yard waste such as leaves, twigs, grass clippings and fruit and vegetable scraps, you are helping divert waste from the Miramar Landfill and creating a nutrient rich amendment for your soil. We hope San Diegans will take advantage of our special low price offer on backyard composting bins."

For more information, visit the Environmental Services Web site at [www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/](http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/) or call (858) 694-7000. The City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department is charged with refuse collection and disposal, recycling and environmentally sound landfill management to meet the City's long-term disposal needs. The Department also oversees the City's management of energy use and explores innovative options for energy independence.

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